

Dublin Hospital Board Bill.

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FOR

The establishment of a Dublin Hospital Board.

A.D. 1890.

BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

- 5 1.—(1.) There shall be established a Dublin Hospital Board, consisting of the following persons, namely,—
- (a.) The Archbishops of Dublin for the time being, or such persons as they may from time to time respectively appoint to represent them on the Board;
- 10 (b.) The Moderator of the General Assembly of Presbyterians in Ireland for the time being, or such person as he may from time to time appoint to represent him on the Board;
- (c.) Four persons annually nominated on behalf of the Crown by the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland;
- 15 (d.) Four persons annually nominated by the Corporation of Dublin;
- (e.) One person annually nominated by each of the following bodies, namely,—
- (i.) The President and Fellows of the King's and Queen's
- 20 College of Physicians in Ireland;
- (ii.) The Council of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland;
- (iii.) The Council of the University of Dublin;
- (iv.) The Senate of the Royal University of Ireland; and
- 25 (f.) Such persons as may, in pursuance of this Act, be from time to time appointed to represent associations or bodies of persons contributing to the Dublin Hospital Fund herein-after mentioned.

Establish-
ment of
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Provided that a member of the medical or surgical staff of any hospital which for the time being participates in any grant made by the Dublin Hospital Board shall not be qualified to be a member of the Board.

(2.) The Dublin Hospital Board shall be a body corporate by 5 that name with perpetual succession and a common seal.

(3.) The Dublin Hospital Board shall come into office on such day as the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland may by notification in the Dublin Gazette fix in that behalf.

Transfer
to Dublin
Hospital
Board of
management
of certain
hospitals.
19 & 20 Vict.
c. 110.

2. There shall be transferred to and vested in the Dublin 10 Hospital Board, as from the day on which the Board comes into office, the management and control of the House of Industry Hospitals (that is to say, of the hospitals called by that name in the Dublin Hospitals Regulation Act), and of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital in Dublin, but the Board may close any of those hospitals 15 in the event of its continuance as a hospital being, in the opinion of the Board, unnecessary or inexpedient.

Formation
of Dublin
Hospital
Fund.

3.—(1.) There shall be established a fund called the Dublin Hospital Fund, and there shall be carried thereto out of money 20 provided by Parliament the annual sum of eleven thousand five hundred pounds.

(2.) The Dublin Hospital Fund shall be vested in the Dublin Hospital Board, and the Board may from time to time invest the same, and any accumulations thereof, in any manner in which 25 trustees are for the time being authorised by Act of Parliament to invest trust funds, and may vary any such investment.

(3.) The Dublin Hospital Fund shall be applicable towards the maintenance and support of the hospitals for the time being under the management of the Dublin Hospital Board, and towards the grants authorised to be made out of the fund to other hospitals, 30 and generally towards the expenses of and incidental to the carrying of this Act into execution, but not to any other purpose.

Grants to
hospitals out
of Hospital
fund.

4. The Dublin Hospital Board may from time to time, out of the Dublin Hospital Fund, make grants in aid to such hospitals 35 within the city of Dublin, in such mode, on such terms, and subject to such conditions as the Board may from time to time by rule prescribe.

Provided that every hospital participating in any such grant must comply with the following conditions, namely:—

(a.) The hospital must contain not less than eighty beds, and 40 after five years from the passing of this Act not less than one hundred beds, in daily occupation throughout not less than

nine months of the year in respect of which the grant is made, but this condition shall not apply to the hospitals known as the Rotunda and the Coombe Lying-in Hospitals;

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(d.) The hospital must be open for clinical instruction, and must have not less than fifty paying students on its books during the year in respect of which the grant is made;

(e.) The hospital must be open to persons of all creeds without any distinction, and clergymen and ministers of religion of all denominations must be admitted to see patients in the hospital requiring their ministrations at any hour of the day or night;

(d.) The hospital must employ as nurses only such persons as either have gone through a probationary training for the time being recognised as sufficient by the Dublin Hospital Board, or belong to a religious sisterhood.

For the purposes of this Act the City of Dublin Hospital, situate in Lower Baggot Street, in the county of Dublin, shall be deemed to be within the city of Dublin.

5. The Dublin Hospital Board may, in communication with the governing bodies of the several hospitals in Dublin, frame a scheme or schemes for the gradual abolition of the system of purchasing medical or surgical appointments to the staff of those hospitals, and in determining the amount to be granted to any such hospital in any year out of the Dublin Hospital Fund, shall take into consideration the willingness of the hospital to carry such a scheme into effect as soon as practicable, and shall not make a grant out of the fund to any hospital the governing body of which declines to make or give effect to a scheme for the abolition of the said purchase system.

Scheme for abolition of purchase system in Dublin Hospitals.

6. The Dublin Hospital Board may from time to time make rules—

Power for Board to make rules.

(a.) For fixing the dates on or before which nominations to the Board are to be annually made;

(b.) For regulating the conditions on which, and the number of persons by whom, bodies of persons or associations desirous of contributing to the Dublin Hospital Fund are to be represented on the Board, and the mode in which such representatives are to be appointed;

(c.) For regulating, subject to the provisions of this Act, the mode in which, and conditions on which, grants are to be made towards any hospital out of the Dublin Hospital Fund;

(d.) For regulating the proceedings of the Board;

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(e.) For fixing the remuneration and superannuation allowances, if any, to be paid to the officers and servants of the Board ;

(f.) For regulating the hospitals under their management and control with respect both to hospital and to educational purposes ; and

(g.) Generally for carrying this Act into effect.

The Board may from time to time rescind or vary any rules made under this section.

Transfer of
staff to
Dublin
Hospital
Board.
19 & 20 Vict.
c. 110.

7. The person who is, at the date at which the Dublin Hospital Board comes into office, the secretary of the Board of Superin- 10
tendence established under the Dublin Hospitals Regulation Act, and such persons as are at that date officers or servants within the meaning of that Act of any of the House of Industry Hospitals or of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital, shall, on and as from that date, be attached to the Dublin Hospital Board, and shall as far 15
as possible, while they continue in office, hold their offices on the same terms and conditions as if this Act had not passed, and receive not less salaries, and, if entitled to pensions or superannuation allowances, be entitled to not less pensions or superannuation allowances than heretofore, and their service under the Dublin 20
Hospital Board shall as regards their claim to pension or superannuation allowance be deemed a continuance of their former service. Any such salaries, pensions, or superannuation allowances shall be paid out of the Dublin Hospital Fund.

Transfer of
sites of
hospitals.

8. As from the date at which the Dublin Hospital Board comes 25
into office, the House of Industry Hospitals, and all lands, tenements, and hereditaments of and belonging thereto and not appropriated for the purposes of a workhouse, and the property, rights, and interests of the board of management of the Westmoreland Lock Hospital in Dublin shall be transferred to and 30
vested in the Dublin Hospital Board in trust for and to the use of those hospitals respectively, subject to the debts, charges, and incumbrances (if any) respectively affecting the same, but in the event of its being considered inexpedient or unnecessary to maintain any such hospital as a hospital under the management 35
of the Dublin Hospital Board, the Board may dispose of the hospital, and any buildings or lands belonging or attached thereto, in such manner and on such terms as the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury may approve, and the proceeds of any such disposition shall be carried to the Dublin Hospital Fund. 40

9.—(1.) If any person, being a physician or surgeon attached to any hospital by this Act placed under the management of the Dublin Hospital Board, and not being an officer or servant within the meaning of the Dublin Hospitals Regulation Act, is proved to have suffered loss by the closing of the hospital, the Board may pay him, out of the Dublin Hospital Fund, such compensation as may appear under the circumstances to be just.

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Compensation to persons injured by closing of hospitals.

(2.) In awarding compensation to any such person, regard shall be had—

(a.) To the sums which have been paid for surgical or medical posts in hospitals in Dublin in which the purchase system has been recognised;

(b.) To the annual sums received by him in fees from pupils during the *five years* from *one thousand eight hundred and eighty to one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four*, both inclusive, and;

(c.) To whether or not he has since the *passing of this Act* been appointed to any other hospital, and if he has been so appointed, to all the circumstances connected with the hospital.

(3.) If any person is aggrieved by the refusal of the Dublin Hospital Board to grant compensation under this section, or by the amount of compensation awarded, he may within *three months* after the decision of the Board appeal to the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, who shall consider the case and determine whether any compensation, and, if so, what amount ought to be granted, and their determination shall be final.

10. The Dublin Hospitals Regulation Act is hereby repealed as from the date at which the Dublin Hospital Board comes into office.

Repeal of 19 & 20 Vict. c. 110.

11. This Act may be cited as the Dublin Hospital Board Act, 1889.

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